

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CENTRAL FIRE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given to all interested persons that on the 5th day of January 2010, the Washington County Commission adopted a resolution proposing the establishment of the North Central Fire Special Service District. The Resolution provided for the holding of a public hearing on the proposal.

The public hearing shall be held on the 16th day of February, 2010, at 4:00 p.m., at the Commission Chambers, located at 197 East Tabernacle, St. George, Utah. Any interested person may protest the proposal either orally at said public hearing, or in a written protest filed with the Washington County Clerk/Auditor at 197 East Tabernacle, St. George, UT 84770. All written protests must be filed within 15 days after the conclusion of said public hearing and all withdrawals or cancellations of withdrawals must be filed within 30 days after the conclusion of said public hearing. The Washington County Commission will hear all interested persons desiring to be heard and will give full consideration to all protests. If special accommodations are required, please call Chris Hall (634-5700) with reasonable advance notice.

If adopted, taxes may be annually levied upon all taxable property within the proposed North Central Fire SSD to fund the service of fire protection, paramedic services, and ambulance services, and fees and charges may be imposed to pay for all or a part of the services to be provided by the North Central Fire SSD.

Any written protest made on behalf of a corporation owning property within the proposed North Central Fire SSD shall be signed by the president, vice president, or any duly authorized agent of the corporation. Where property within the proposed North Central Fire SSD is owned by more than one person or entity, all owners holding title to the property must join in the signing of the protest in order for it to be considered in the fifty percent (50%) calculation discussed below.

If, within 30 days after the conclusion of said public hearing, more than fifty percent (50%) of the qualified voters of the proposed North Central Fire SSD, or the owners of over fifty percent (50%) of the taxable value of the taxable property within the proposed North Central Fire SSD, file written protests against the proposal, the Washington County Commission is required by law to abandon the proposal.

After the 30-day protest period closes, the Washington County Commission shall adopt a resolution either establishing the North Central Fire SSD or abandoning the proposal. Any person who shall have timely filed a written protest and who is a qualified voter residing within, or owning property within the proposed North Central Fire SSD, may petition the district court within 30 days after the adoption of said resolution for a writ of review. The grounds for such a petition are limited to: (1) a claim that the petitioner's property will not be benefited by the services to be provided by the North Central Fire SSD; and (2) a claim that the procedures used to establish the North Central Fire SSD violated the law.

FAILURE TO TIMELY FILE A WRITTEN PROTEST PRECLUDES THE PROTEST FROM BEING INCLUDED IN THE 50% CALCULATION DISCUSSED ABOVE AND THE PROTESTANT FROM FILING A PETITION FOR A WRIT OF REVIEW. FAILURE TO TIMELY FILE A PETITION FOR WRIT OF REVIEW FORECLOSES ANY RIGHTS TO THEREAFTER OBJECT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FIRE SSD.

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